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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 31-Jul-99 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 07/31/99	Previous Week 07/24/99
Bro-Fry	153,315	160,983
Lt Hens	2,212	2,327
Hvy Hens	1,572	1,514

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 24-Jul-99 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	471	10	481
Last Week	506	0	506
Same Wk Yr Ago	410	0	410
To Date 1999	14,314	174	14,488
To Date 1998	16,166	239	16,405

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,688	1,517	4,205
Last Week	2,484	1,089	3,573
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,602	1,231	3,833
To Date 1999	77,160	39,570	116,730
To Date 1998	77,578	36,888	114,466

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 24-Jul-99 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,059 (A)	2,217	1,507	3,724
Avg Wt	4.90	3.35	8.08	5.27
Last Week	158,335	1,978	1,089	3,067
Same Week Yr Ago	150,431	2,192	1,231	3,423
Avg Wt	4.63	3.43	7.80	4.63
To-Date/1999	4,389,722	62,846	39,396	102,242
To-Date/1998	4,221,761	61,412	36,649	98,061

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.9 million head or 1.2 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending July 17, 1999

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	30,806	37,011	34,463
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	6.08
% Of Total /1	30%	36%	34%
Comparisons			
Last Week	30,422	30,884	34,471
Avg Weight	3.83	4.80	5.93
% Of Total /1	32%	32%	36%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	48,573	44,471	21,804
Avg Weight	3.77	4.78	6.05
% Of Total /1	42%	39%	19%
To Date/1999	907,673	798,691	1,215,162
To Date/1998	1,011,702	1,037,455	863,817
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 17-Jul-99 (Thousand Head)

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	4,981	35	5,016
Avg Wt	0.00	25.52	24.66	25.51
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,221	49	5,270
Same Week Yr Ago	0	5,772	50	5,822
Avg Wt	0.00	24.17 (B)	26.64	24.19
To-Date/1999	55	131,658 (B)	935	132,648
To-Date/1998	32	141,408 (B)	1,026	142,466

(B) Includes 379,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 512,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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